

The Weather.
Generally fair tonight and Friday;
colder; minimum temperature tonight,
about 20 degrees above zero. Temper-
ature at 7 a. m., 33; 3:30 p. m., 45.
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HOME.

DRAWING THE IRON RING ABOUT THE MAIN BODY OF KUROPATKIN'S ARMY

**Railroad Reported Cut
Between Mukden and
Tie Pass.**

TALK OF A SURRENDER

**Russian Ministry Refuses to
Discuss Peace Even in Face
of Defeat.**

Tokio, March 9, 4 p. m.—The Japanese have cut the railway north of Mukden.

New Chwang, March 9.—It is reported here that Tie pass has been invested by the Japanese and that Kuropatkin, having no alternative, will possibly be forced to surrender within a week.

With Japanese Left Armies, March 8.—(Delayed.)—The left armies have cut and destroyed the railroad between Tie pass and Mukden. Russians are in retreat over the northern roads.

Retreat in Confusion.
The left column of these armies is seven miles north of the Hun river and five miles west of the railroad and has had a fierce fight with a Russian force three times its number. The Russian casualties were 10,000. The Russian center is retreating in great confusion.

Railroad Repaired.
Mukden, March 8.—(Delayed.)—The Japanese during the night broke through the Russian lines, reached the railroad and slightly damaged the line. The Russians later drove them away, and the line was repaired and traffic resumed.

Early this morning heavy fighting was in progress against the Russian right flank division, and a report was received of the presence of columns of Japanese far northward and marching westward.

Retreat Lost Hills.
Rennenkampff's Headquarters, March 7.—(Delayed.)—In pursuance of orders to retake at any cost the positions at Ouheneppusa, lost at nightfall, the Russians at midnight stormed and captured the hills in the center. Among the dead was a Japanese general in full uniform.

Tokio Celebrates.
Tokio, March 9.—Although the actual extent of the success gained by Oyama's army is unknown, Tokio is already celebrating the victory. Flags are going up all over the city, crowds are on the streets, and congratulations are pouring into the war and army offices.

Oyama has prohibited his troops from entering Mukden in masses, in order to preserve respect for the tombs and sacred places of the imperial Chinese household and protect the welfare of the inhabitants.

Have All South of Hun.
Tokio, March 9.—Headquarters of the Japanese armies reported today as follows:

"The whole district west of the railroad and south of the Hun river is in our hands."

"In the district north of Mukden we have occupied Shaochitun five miles northwest of Mukden, Pachiatsu, two miles northeast of Shaochitun, and Santaisue five miles north of Mukden. Our force destroyed the railroad north of Mukden."

"Since yesterday the enemy frequently and fiercely shelled our killed and wounded who were being removed on stretchers and in carriages."

**GIVE FEW FACTS, BUT
INSIST KUROPATKIN
HAS MET NO DISASTER**

St. Petersburg, March 9.—The veil was drawn over the progress of Kuropatkin's heroic effort to extricate his beaten army but the general staff insists while he has been defeated, yet there has been no disaster. The peril of the whole army, especially the rear guard, is admitted and Mukden may have been evacuated during the night, although nothing definite has been received on this point.

One of Litkevitch's corps was hurriedly withdrawn during Wednesday night and dispatched to support Kaulbars' hard pressed forces who were fighting off Nogai's tanking legions west and northwest of the city. At the same time the remainder of Litkevitch's army fell back to the north bank of the Hun river where it checked temporarily the pursuing columns of Kuroki who hemmed him in on the west, south and east.

Rush Storm North.
All day yesterday and last night

TAKES NEW TURN

**Transportation Strike in New
York May Extend to Power
Houses.**

EMPLOYEES ARE IMPORTUNED

Service on Subway Improves But
Elevated Line East is Tied
Up.

New York, March 9.—Interest in the strike of the subway and elevated railway employees now centers on a proposed effort to cause a sympathetic walkout of engineers and firemen at all the power houses, so as to paralyze all traffic.

Improvement in Operating.
There appeared to be a marked improvement in the operation of trains in the subway this morning. Otherwise little change was noted. Traffic on the east elevated lines is almost at a standstill.

Only isolated disturbances occurred during the night and were limited to a few fist encounters.

the wounded, munitions, baggage and stores streamed northward. The railroad and the Mandarin road were almost blocked at the last moment notwithstanding the fact that an immense amount of stores, etc., was removed last week. The Russo-Chinese bank was removed to Tie Pass Sunday. Some of the projections are reaching the railroad.

Trying to Close Ring.
Nogi, according to the latest authentic Russian reports, has already reached a post opposite the station of Souharal, half way between Mukden and Tie Pass but it is believed his left is swinging still further north for a blow at the line of communications which would realize Oyama's plan for closing an iron ring.

Say Line Is Open.
The Tokyo report that the railroad is actually cut is not confirmed here at the telegraph office, on the contrary declaring communication with Kuropatkin is still open.

Japanese Fanatic.
The losses already exceed those of any battle of the war. The fanaticism displayed by the Japanese is shown in an instance mentioned by a Russian correspondent who described how a captured Japanese broke away from his captors and threw himself head foremost into a Chinese well.

Resist Peace Idea.
While the defeat of Kuropatkin has revived talk of peace it is too early yet to measure to its full effect. If Kuropatkin succeeds in drawing off his army no matter how badly shattered the war office insists the situation will be unchanged.

**EARLIER FIGHTING IS
NEARLY ALL FAVORABLE
TO THE JAPANESE ARMS**

St. Petersburg, March 9.—Kuropatkin, telegraphing Wednesday, says: "On the right bank of the Hun river the enemy has assumed the offensive towards Mukden from northwest and north."

"The center and left flank of our armies have fallen back without fighting on entrenched positions on the right bank of the Hun river."

Drive in Detachments.
"Today the enemy attacked upon the north front, driving small detachments of outposts from the village of Pudiasa, about two miles northwest of the village of Trentsan."

The above would indicate the Japanese force is between Mukden and Tie pass.

Russians Hold Here.
Mukden, March 9, 2:30 a. m.—The Japanese yesterday attacked the village of Pudiasa, northwest of the imperial tombs, and a stubborn fight followed, but the Russians advanced and the guard was obliged to abandon the village.

During the night the Japanese attacked the village of Santaisue, north of the imperial tombs. The fighting continued.

Japanese outposts have reached Hirantchan, on the south front. A heavy cannonade is in progress there.

**GENERAL PINS CROSS OF
ST. GEORGE ON PRIVATE
FOR HEROIC CONDUCT**

Mukden, March 9.—During the fighting Tuesday Gen. Kaulbars decorated with his own cross of St. George a sharpshooter named Ivan Barkoff who though wounded in the hand declined to go to the rear to have it bandaged. Kaulbars, on ascertaining that Bar-

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NORTH SEA INCIDENT CLOSED BY PAYMENT

Russian Government Turns Over Sum
of \$325,000 for English Suf-
ferers.

London, March 9.—Russian Ambassador Benckendorff today paid \$325,000 to Foreign Secretary Lansdowne in settlement of the North sea claims, and the incident was thus closed.

BEEF INQUIRY WILL PROCEED

Report Will Have No Effect on the
Investigation.

Washington, March 9.—Although the attorney general declines to discuss the subject, it is known that the report of the department of commerce and labor on the beef industry, published last week, will have no effect upon the investigation now being conducted by the department of justice to ascertain whether the injunction issued against the "beef combine" in Chicago is being observed. This investigation will proceed as originally planned.

LYNCH NEGRO WHO IS THIEF

White Residents of Tullahoma, Tenn.,
Take Man From the Jail.

Tullahoma, Tenn., March 9.—Ronce Gwynn, a negro, was lynched here by white residents. He was taken from the jail, where he was held on a charge of larceny, and hanged to a tree near the center of the town.

Americans Moving to Canada.

Ottawa, Ont., March 9.—W. J. White, chief inspector of immigration agencies, who has just returned from an extensive tour in the United States, reports that arrangements are about perfected for an extensive migratory movement from the United States to Canada. Mr. White believes that fully 60,000 settlers will come to the dominion from across the line this year, as against 46,000 last year.

Vetoes Anti-Vaccination Law.

Sacramento, Cal., March 9.—Gov. Pardee has vetoed the bill to prevent vaccination being made a condition of admission to the public schools.

CASE IS CLOSED

**Defense Makes Short Work of it
in the Chadwick Bank-
ing Trial.**

EXPERT IS PUT ON THE STAND

Testimony Directly Opposed to That of
Bank Officials Examined
Yesterday.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 9.—The defense in the Chadwick case closed at 10:45.

T. C. Doolittle, a bookkeeping expert, gave evidence directly opposed to the testimony of Assistant Cashier Avery and Receiver Lyon, of the Oberlin bank, who said Mrs. Chadwick had neither money nor credit at the bank at the time any of the certified checks were issued.

Would Take From Jury.

Counsel for Mrs. Chadwick entered a motion asking that the case be taken from the jury and the defendant discharged on the ground that the evidence was insufficient to prove she had committed an offense against the United States.

The entire afternoon was devoted to an argument on the motion.

Government Closed Yesterday.
After presenting its most important evidence against Mrs. Chadwick, the government yesterday afternoon closed its case against the woman.

The most important point yet made by the state was gained when District Attorney Sullivan secured the admission as evidence of two drafts aggregating \$80,000 issued by the Oberlin bank in favor of Mrs. Chadwick on Aug. 24, 1903. On the same date Mrs. Chadwick obtained from the bank a certified check for \$12,500, and Receiver Lyon testified there was nothing on the books of the bank to show that Mrs. Chadwick then had a cent of money in the bank or was entitled to credit.

Gets Drafts Without Cash.

The drafts were entered on the books of the bank one month and five days after being issued. During this time the books of the Oberlin bank showed the money was held to its credit at the Importers' & Traders' National bank in New York, while in reality it was in the possession of Mrs. Chadwick.

SENATOR BATE, OF TENNESSEE, DIES; TOOK CHILL AT THE INAUGURATION

**Exposure of March 4 Fatal--Was Twice Governor
of His State and Veteran of Mexican
and Civil Wars.**

Washington, March 9.—Senator Bate, of Tennessee, died at his apartments in the Ebbett house at 6 this morning. Pneumonia and a defective heart.

He was aged 78. Bate attended the inauguration ceremonies on the 4th, and his death is believed to be due primarily to exposure on that occasion.

Suffered a Chill.

He suffered a slight chill on that day, but continued his official duties and occupied his seat in the senate last

Tuesday. He became suddenly ill at the dinner table that evening, and was put to bed. His condition became steadily worse and all hope for his recovery was given up yesterday.

Twice Governor.

He was twice governor of Tennessee, a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, and had been a conspicuous member of the senate 18 years. The remains will be taken to Nashville for interment.

DASHED TO DEATH

**Rope Breaks Precipitating Sev-
en Men to Bottom of
Mine.**

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 9.—While seven men were being hoisted in a cage in the Clear Spring colliery at West Piton, today, the rope broke and the men were hurled to the bottom, a distance of 250 feet. All were killed.

MARRIAGE VOWS MADE VOID BY TUBERCULOSIS

Judge Decides Man Sued for Damages
By Jilted Sweetheart Need
Not Pay.

Seattle, Wash., March 9.—"No man should be mulcted in damages who breaks a promise he has made to marry a woman who, he afterwards learns, is afflicted with tuberculosis."

This was the opinion given by Superior Judge Albertson in passing upon motion to strike out certain questions propounded in suit of Rosa E. Grover against Mayor Zook of Ballard, in which the young woman seeks to recover from him \$25,000 damages for breach of promise.

In an answer filed by the mayor he admitted that he had promised to marry the young woman and would have done so had he not discovered after his promise was made that she was afflicted with tuberculosis.

The court declared that in a marriage contract three parties were concerned—the man, the woman, and the state,—and that the state had the right to prevent any marriage which would be dangerous to its welfare.

RAILROADS AND WISCONSIN IN A GAME OF FREEZE-OUT

Companies Decide to Abandon All
Improvements and Extensions
in the State.

Madison, Wis., March 9.—Wisconsin has drawn the wrath of the railroads. Resentful because of the attitude of Gov. La Follette and the state legislature, the public carrier companies have decided to abandon all extensions in the state until the popular temper becomes more friendly. The building of new lines is to be stopped, orders for new equipment are to be canceled, projected improvements that would cost millions of dollars are to be stayed, and the Northwestern, the St. Paul and other roads will engage the state in a game of freeze-out.

This decision will stop, it is stated, fully \$10,000,000 worth of improvements which the Northwestern and St. Paul roads had purposed making during 1905.

PROCEEDS ON SUICIDE THEORY

Attorney General in Honolulu Directs
Stanford Investigation.

Honolulu, March 8.—An unusual turn in the investigation into the death of Mrs. Jane Stanford of California came yesterday when Attorney General Andrews began directing his questions with the evident idea of bringing out the probability that Mrs. Stanford committed suicide. The taking of testimony in the case was completed last night. The police here are of the opinion that if Mrs. Stanford was murdered the guilty persons are in San Francisco.

ALIENS LEAVE VENEZUELA

Declare It Unsafe for Them to Remain
Under Castro Government.

Willemstad, Curacao, Feb. 26.—(By Correspondence.)—Every vessel from La Guaira brings many persons who feel the situation in Venezuela is such that foreigners will soon not be safe there.

Tourists are hurrying out of the country, and the few venturesome travelers who go there are subjected to many indignities by customs officials. Even all private letters and documents are read.

RIOTS AT MINES; SEVERAL KILLED

**Quicksilver Region in Southern Rus-
sia Scene of a
Slaughter.**

St. Petersburg, March 9.—A telegram from Ekaterinoslav, south Russia, says five miners have been killed and 15 wounded in a conflict between strikers of the quick silver mines and soldiers in the district of Bakmut.

Revolutionary disorders have broken out at Smolensk, middle Russia.

GIRL SAVES 11,700 PENNIES

**Sends Mass of Coppers to Bank on a
Dray to Start Savings Account.**

Rockford, Ill., March 9.—Inez Gates, daughter of the keeper of a small store in the suburbs, deposited with the Rockford National bank at one time 11,700 pennies to start a savings account. Her father had been giving her the excess of pennies each night for a long time and she had kept them in a soap box, not spending or counting them. A few days ago she conceived the idea of getting interest on the money, and went to a bank to see if the pennies would be received. She was told to wrap in packages of 25 and bring them down. She spent more than a day making up the packages and then carried the pennies to the teller on a dray, the mass weighing over 70 pounds.

IT PAID REBATES

**Kansas Investigators Find Santa
Fe Gave Back Money
to Shippers.**

SUM OF \$1,198,352 IN 1902

Standard Oil Company Believed to
Have Been Concern Ben-
efited Most.

Topeka, Kans., March 9.—During the year ending June 30, 1902, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad company paid back to shippers the sum of \$1,198,352, and it is believed that vouchers to be collected by Attorney General Coleman will show that the greater part of this amount was paid to the Standard Oil company and other monopolies and was really rebates in violation of the state law.

This fact was developed in the examination of W. J. Healy, freight auditor of the Santa Fe, before the attorney general, who is taking depositions in the case to be instituted in Chautauqua county, to ascertain whether the Santa Fe was violating the anti-trust law of Kansas.

Mr. Healy says that this amount constitutes the total overcharges made for the year and that he cannot give the names of the shippers to whom payments were made without referring to the original vouchers.

Declines to Give Names.

Healy said that it would take three or four months to get the vouchers, and the advice of H. W. Dunlap, general attorney for the Santa Fe, Mr. Healy temporarily declined to consent to an examination of his vouchers and receipts. At a conference of Santa Fe officials soon to be held it will be decided whether to allow the state to examine the company's books.

It is the theory of the state that these overcharges in reality are rebates, and that an examination of the vouchers will show that the monopolies have profited more than any other.

Gen. Booth is a Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, March 9.—Gen. Booth of the Salvation Army has arrived here. He intends to hold a series of meetings. The porte has directed the local authorities to prohibit Turkish subjects from attending these meetings.

COMMITTEE APPROVES SAN DOMINGO TREATY

WILSON IS SEATED

**Prohibitionist Wins Over Bowles,
Democrat, in the House Con-
tested Election Case**

DAILEY FAVORS MCCASKRIN

Chairman of Elections Committee Will
Hold Back Report and May Not
Submit It At All.

Springfield, Ill., March 9.—The house yesterday afternoon seated Representative William A. Bowles, democrat of the Forty-first district, and seated Alonzo E. Wilson, prohibitionist, by a vote of 86 to 46. The vote was almost a party vote, all the republicans voting to seat Wilson, Burke Mundy, Rapp and Webster, democrats, and Sheen and Gummer, prohibitionists, voted with the republicans.

The fight of the afternoon came over the reconsideration of Mr. McGorty's motion to recommit the report of the committee with instruction to recount the ballots under the opinion offered by former Attorney General Hamlin in the Cooke-McCaskrin contest. Mr. Tipton, the democratic leader, endeavored to prevent reconsideration, but was overruled, and the speaking began.

Dailey Is Heard.

For an hour Mr. Lindly defended Attorney General Stead's opinion as to how ballots should be counted. Mr. Gray, on the democratic side, attacked the decision. Chairman Dailey of the elections committee then protested, in one of the best speeches delivered this year on the floor of the house, against another count, because the secrecy of the ballots already had been destroyed.

On the vote to reconsider the motion to recount and have another recount the motion was lost by 86 to 46. Ambrose and Ision, socialists, voted to reconsider, but switched to the democratic side, when the roll call to unseat Mr. Bowles was being taken.

Wilson probably will take his seat tomorrow, although he may not be seated until Monday. The committee report on his case was that he had been elected by a plurality of more than 500, and that no matter what system of counting was adopted he would have been found elected. The committee also took some pains to explain that no reflection was cast on the judges of election in Joliet and other towns of the Forty-first district, where faulty counting was done. The committee held that they had been "careless" and had made "mistakes."

Says McCaskrin Will Keep Seat.

One more case remains for the house to decide—that of McCaskrin and Cooke. Dailey will make no report until the closing days of the session, or, if the report be made, the house will allow McCaskrin to keep his seat.

In addition to the house proceeding in the Wilson case there was another election squabble in the legislature, unlikely remarks being made by senators to each other while in committee contest. Senator Dunlap made a certain rule governing counting which brought down on his head the wrath of Senators Jandus and Cunningham, who declared the rules had been fixed to favor Putnam.

Civil Service Bill O. K'd.

By a vote of 13 to 5 the house civil service committee decided to report out the broad civil service bill, including all state charitable and penal institutions and business offices, but exempting specific officers in most of the departments. This is the bill which was reported out and hauled back Tuesday. A full meeting of the committee was secured. Three of the five members voting against the bill were in favor of including the grain inspection office, as they had received complaints from farmers and requests that civil service be established in that department.

McCaskrin Did Not Vote.

Reynolds voted to seat Wilson, Magill was not present, and McCaskrin did not vote, though present. Chairman Dailey, of the house elections committee, stated today that the Cooke-McCaskrin contest would not be reported to the house this week, and he did not know how long it would be, in fact.

SWEDISH REPUBLICANS MEET

Annual Held at Peoria Today—Recep-
tion for Densen.

Peoria, Ill., March 9.—Delegates are here for the annual meeting of the Illinois Swedish-American club. Gov. Densen will arrive this afternoon with Speaker Shurtliff, and will be tendered a reception at the National hotel. From present indications Rev. Alfred Appel, of Peoria, is the most likely candidate for the presidency of the club.

**Agrees to It as Amended
by a Strict Party
Vote.**

NOW GOES TO SENATE

**Would Avoid Having This Made
a Precedent for Fu-
ture Cases.**

Washington, March 9.—After a session of seven minutes the senate adjourned today out of respect to the memory of the late Senator Bate.

Washington, March 9.—The senate committee on foreign relations today agreed favorably to the San Domingo treaty as amended. The vote was on party lines, every republican voting for the treaty and every democrat against it.

Perfected Yesterday.

The treaty was practically perfected yesterday by the committee so far as the phraseology is concerned, and without regard to the principles involved in the procedure proposed by the Dominican convention.

All amendments adopted by the committee were with the general aim of making the question covered stand alone, and of removing all chance of it being used as a precedent for like procedure in other countries under the guise of being required by the Monroe doctrine. For instance, one of the first amendments strikes out that portion of the second paragraph of the preamble which has been construed as a definition and application of the Monroe doctrine to the San Domingo case.

Holds a Protest.

Discussion of the San Domingo treaty in executive session of the senate was complicated by the protest submitted by Senator Teller from members of the Haytian and Dominican colonies of Europe. It was dated in Paris, and was directed against the protocol of Jan. 20, which was negotiated immediately prior to the present protocol, but never was submitted to the senate.

Held a Dictator.

It is asserted by the protestants that President Morales, of the Dominican republic, is dictator, and by entering into this agreement with the United States is indirectly attempting to cede to the United States territory, which he fears he cannot hold.

HIGH PLACE PROPOSED FOR A GALESBURG MAN

**W. G. Edens Leader Among Candi-
dates for Fourth Assistant
Postmaster General.**

Washington, March 9.—Senator Culiom had a long conference with Postmaster General Cortelyou yesterday, and the stock of William G. Edens, of Galesburg, as a candidate for fourth assistant postmaster general has correspondingly had a great rise. His friends are confident that Mr. Edens will be selected as the successor of Gen. Bristow. Another Illinoisan, R. F. Lawson, postmaster at Effingham, is a candidate for the place, but if the appointment goes to Illinois Mr. Edens will be chosen. Former Comptroller of the Currency Charles W. Dawes of Chicago is mentioned in inner circles as a most likely candidate for Secretary of the Treasury when Mr. Shaw retires, unless the president intends to transfer Postmaster General Cortelyou to that post and fill his place with a new man.

Fairbanks Up for 1908

Republican Editorial Association For-
mally Starts Boom.

Washington, March 9.—Charles Warren Fairbanks was publicly named for the presidency in 1908 yesterday and under circumstances which cause great significance to be attached to the event by political observers. He was given a welcome at a meeting of the National Republican Editorial association, and the suggestion of his candidacy for the presidency in 1908 was received with the greatest enthusiasm.

THE GERMAN PALACE AFIRE

**Blaze in Coal and Wood Cellar at Ber-
line Does Damage.**

Berlin, March 9.—Fire broke out early this morning in the extensive coal and wood cellars under the wing of the new palace of Potsdam. The flames were extinguished after six hours. The imperial family was in Berlin at the time.